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## Backgrounder

# UNFPA PRAISES CHINA'S ONE-CHILD POLICY

*"For all the bad press, China has achieved the impossible," says Sven Burmester, the United Nations Population Fund representative in Beijing. "The country has solved its population problem."*

—Time-Asia, August 29, 2001

<http://www.time.com/time/asia/news/magazine/0,9754,168514,00.html>

*"China has had the most successful family planning policy in the history of mankind in terms of quantity and with that, China has done mankind a favour," United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) representative Sven Burmester said last week.*

—10/11/99 Agence France-Presse

*"In strictly quantitative terms, it was the most successful family- planning policy ever developed," said Sven Burmester, the UN Population Fund representative in Beijing. "My own view is that there is a generation of Chinese who sacrificed themselves for the benefit of society and they should be recognized for that."*

— Chicago Tribune Monday, May 1, 2000

*"I have had the honor of being associated with China's reproductive health and family planning programme for more than two decades. I was instrumental in initiating UNFPA's cooperation with China in 1979."*

*"...I also feel proud that UNFPA made the wise decision to resist external pressures and continued its fruitful cooperation with China."*

(Nafis Sadik, UNFPA Executive Director 1987- 2000, accepting the "International Cooperation Honorary Prize" from the Chinese Government on January 12, 2002.)

—Official State Family Planning Commission  
of China web site, January 12, 2002

<http://www.sfpc.gov.cn/EN/enews20020114-2.htm>